Adaptation Futures Conference 2025

Rethinking Loss and Damage – resilience building after extreme events in different world regions: concepts, practical challenges and open questions

Workshop session: Wednesday 15th October 10:45 - 12:15

In this session we will discuss how loss and damage funding could better support resilience building. We will bring diverse case studies to discuss and look forward to also learning from participants. We hope to see you there!

Workshop Aims:

- Enhanced understanding of concepts: resilience building, Building Back Better, different types of loss and damage, compensation versus resilience building, funding schemes;
- Advanced understanding of the factors that promote or hamper the options to build back better and increase the resilience of communities after extreme events.
- Bringing together participants from different backgrounds and world regions to build a loss and damage community of practice that, we expect, can continues after the conference (e.g., joint paper).
- Formulate recommendations for COP 30

Workshop structure and presenters:

Table	Case study	Discussion leads
Table 1	Case 1: Reconstruction and loss compensation after floods in Germany Case 2: Floods and post-disaster reconstruction schemes in Pakistan	Prof. Joern Birkmann (online), Dr. Ali Jamshed (online) and Joanna McMillan (IREUS University of Stuttgart, Germany)
Table 2	Case 3: Loss, damage and relocation after extreme floods in Benin 2010	Prof. Edmond Totin (Universite Nationale d'Agriculture and World Vegetable Center, Benin)
Table 3	Case 4: Floods in Peru - closing the financial and social protection gap	Prof. Reinhard Mechler (IIASA, Austria)
Table 4	Case 5: Flooding and Sea-level rise in the Solomon Islands	Prof. John Handmer (IIASA, Austria and ANU, Australia)

Workshop schedule:

<u> </u>	
10:45 - 11:00	Introduction
11:00 - 11:20	Discussion round 1
11:20 - 11:25	Change tables
11:25 – 11:45	Discussion round 2
11:50 – 12:10	Plenary: Feedback from discussions
12:10 – 12:15	Wrap-up and next steps

Guiding discussion questions:

- 1. What types of losses and damages can be addressed by loss and damage funds in practice, and which losses cannot be compensated with financial resources?
- 2. To what extent do Loss and Damage Funding arrangements and current post-disaster reconstruction schemes facilitate long-term climate resilience?
- 3. Which factors hamper or support resilience building after extreme events?
- 4. What can we learn from different case studies? What recommendations can we derive from the discussion for the ongoing Loss and Damage discourse and respective funding schemes (UNFCCC)? What recommendations do we have for the COP 30 discussion?